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Agricultural Engineering Education
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the courses relating to Agricultural Engineering are existing only in few colleges/institutes/universities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of institutions in which agricultural engineering exists;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal for development of research studies in agriculture through these agricultural engineering colleges/universities/institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to promote agricultural engineering in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The courses relating to Agricultural Engineering are existing in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur and many State Agricultural Universities (SAUs). The list is given in Annexure-I.

(c) The research studies are being conducted in majority of Agricultural Engineering Colleges/Institutions including SAUs and IITs.

(d) Given in Annexure-II.

(e) The promotion of the Agricultural Engineering is done through the national level ICAR research institutions such as Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE), Bhopal, Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), Mumbai and National Institute of Research on Jute & Allied Fibre Technology (NIRJAFT), Kolkata.

Besides, a Centrally sponsored plan scheme, 'Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India' is being implemented by the ICAR. The scheme strives to plan, undertake, aid, promote and coordinate agricultural education in the country with an aim to enhance the quality and relevance of higher agricultural education to address the emerging challenges in the agriculture sector. Limited financial support is provided to agricultural universities (AUs) under this scheme, which inturn distribute the funds provided, to their constituent colleges including Agricultural Engineering colleges as per requirement.

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